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Letter dated 26 March 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you as follows:

In recent months, and even after the liberation of Kuwait, some irresponsible parties have been seeking to sow discord by reiterating biased statements directed against the State, the Government and the people of Kuwait, which suffered greatly as a result of a tyrannical occupation to which Kuwaitis and other residents, entire residential districts and their population, as well as the land, the air and the sea, fell victim. On the eve of the liberation of Kuwait, these parties began to warn of a "massacre" and lamented in advance the fate of certain groups, while remaining silent concerning the emigration of about 100,000 Palestinians, the confiscation of their property and even the death of some of them during the tyrannical Iraqi occupation of Kuwait. We observe leaders seeking to spread sedition instead of extending a helping hand; at the present time, they are treating Kuwait and its population in a malevolent and hostile manner, instead of a spirit of friendship and brotherhood. They are spreading rumours concerning the treatment of non-Kuwaiti residents who, in actual fact, feel an intense desire to see the re-establishment of peace and security for all Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti residents.

Since the recovery of its authority over its national territory, the Government of Kuwait has been diligently endeavouring to restore security and stability and protect its nationals and other residents in accordance with the law and in a manner consistent with international conventions. While exercising its

powers in regard to the process of repopulation, as well as reconstruction, the Government has affirmed that every member of society is legally responsible for his actions and that no violations will be permitted against nationals or other residents. In confirmation of this policy, the Government invited the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit any detainees in Kuwait, to interview them in private and to submit reports to the authorities for the investigation of any violations of their rights. Furthermore, the Government appointed a representative of the Ministry of Justice at each detention centre to monitor and investigate any allegation concerning violation of the rights of nationals or other residents of any nationality.

While lamenting its martyrs and attempting to extinguish the flames which the aggressor and its allies kindled in the land and in the hearts of our people, Kuwait calls upon all persons to extinguish the flames of sedition which are being fanned by biased parties and to help it to normalize the situation in the true interests not only of Kuwait but of the world as a whole.

I should be grateful if you would kindly have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 23 and 153, and of the Security Council.

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